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Re: PCAOB Concept Release - Docket Matter No. 34

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As an accounting student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and as a hopeful future member of the auditing profession, I feel that it is my duty to express an opinion towards this concept.

I feel that all four proposed changes are valuable additions to the audit report and as a result financial statement users will feel more comfortable about the validity of the information provided. It is my assumption that auditors will not be in favor of this concept release for several reasons, but the PCAOB should be more concerned with what investors and users of financial statements want versus what the auditors want. Each of the four proposed changes will require auditors to provide their insights into the firm's inter-workings and firms will have to allow their auditors to reveal more information as compared to the current audit report format.

I feel that the PCAOB should allow publicly traded companies to choose which auditing report it wants to use. This will create a way for publicly traded companies to signal to its stakeholders that it has nothing to hide, by allowing the auditors to give a more in depth analysis. Publicly traded companies that are engaged in illegal and unethical activities will most likely decide to take cover behind the current and simple auditor's report. The article by DeFond & Lennox in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics* shows that when the Sarbanes-Oxley Act passed it placed greater regulations on auditing firms, and as a result several auditing firms left the market. The auditing firms that exited had a lower audit quality compared to those firms that remained in the market. I feel that allowing publicly traded companies the option of choosing which auditor's report to use will have the same effect. Again, publicly traded companies that are aware they are not representing all of their information fairly will most likely decide to use the current auditor's report, because it won't allow auditors to state any discrepancies they feel the publicly traded company has.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Concept Release.

Sincerely yours,

Tomasz Walkosz